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SUBJECT: CONTINUED TURKISH INTEREST IN OBTAINING INFORMATION
ON LOCKHEED CASE

1. AT CLOSE OF CHARGE'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN JULY 24, LATTER SAID THAT GOT HAD DECIDED TO SEND MINISTER OF STATE AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FARUK SUKAN TO WASHINGTON TO PURSUE TURKEY'S INTEREST IN OBTAINING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE LOCKHEED CASE. OKCUN SAID ESENBEL HAD BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE A PROGRAM FOR SUKAN INCLUDING MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, AS WELL AS INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE SENATE (HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SENATOR CHURCH) AND IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT. ESENBEL HAS NOT YET REPLIED AND NO DATES SET, BUT OKCUN ASKED THAT THE DEPARTMENT ASSIST MR. SUKAN IN HIS CONTACTS WHEN HE ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON.

2. OKCUN SAID THAT SUKAN WISHED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR FINDING "SOME OTHER WAY" FOR MATERIAL TO BE PASSED TO TURKISH COURTS. HE SAID TURKEY WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER A TURKISH COURT MIGHT FORMALLY REQUEST THE INFORMATION THROUGH A COURT IN THE US. THIS AND OTHER POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING STUDIED BY THE TURKISH SIDE.

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3. OKCUN ADDED, RATHER VAGUELY, THAT AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED PROLONGING THE ARRANGEMENT FOR AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE US. IN THIS REGARD, WE NOTE THAT A BRIEF ITEM IN THE TURKISH PRESS JULY 17 REPORTED THAT TURKISH MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUSTICE "HAVE TAKEN STEPS" TO OBTAIN EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ON MAKING DOCUMENTS ON LOCKHEED CASE AVAILABLE TO TURKISH
AUTHORITIES. ALTHOUGH SPECIFICS ARE LACKING, IMPRESSION
WAS CONVEYED THAT AGREEMENT IS IMMINENT. EMBASSY HAS
NO INFORMATION ON NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT CURRENTLY
UNDERWAY AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE
IN WASHINGTON.
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